at airports, Airborne Collision Avoidance System (ACAS) in aeroplane and Transponders etc. are already in place.

Provision of modern ILS at Srinagar Airport

446. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade Srinagar Airport and also to provide for state-of-the-art Instrument Landing System there so as to enable the pilots to negotiate the foggy weather; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds required for the purposes, separately and by when work on the projects is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Srinagar airport belongs to Indian Air Force where Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a Civil Enclave. Modification and expansion work for terminal building alongwith associated facilities has already been undertaken to handle 500 domestic and 450 international passengers at a cost of approximately Rs. 78 crores. Work is likely to be completed by December 2006.

Indian Air Force has already provided Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Srinagar airport. AAI has no plan to provide the same at Srinagar airport.

Enquiry into ONGC helicopter crash

447. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level committee appointed by Government after the crash of ONGC helicopter in Arabian Sea on the 11th August, 2004 has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by this committee; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 21 recommendations have been made by the Inspector of Accidents in his investigation report. Some of the important recommendations are (i) using of helidecks with restricted weight operations

only, (ii) Stipulating a compulsory condition by ONGC for operators serving it for Helicopter Underwater Escape Training for the operating crew, (iii) advising passengers to wear safety jacket while on board, (iv) carrying out suitable modifications in Mi-172 helicopter for provision of switch on copilot side in parallel to pilot's switch for deployment of floation gear, (v) considering removal of rear 2 seats on right side close to emergency window and (vi) ensuring by operators that cabin baggage is propoerly stowed and not kept in aisles and in front of doors and exists.

(c) The Government has accepted the report.

Delay in expansion of Mangalore Airport

448. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether expansion of the existing airport at Mangalore by implementation of second runway project has faced hurdles in acquisition of land due to non-release of funds by State Government of Karnataka; and

(b) whether the State Government will be directed to release the requisite funds for acquisition of land in view of the huge potential for increase in international as well as domestic traffic and also several major industries located at coastal areas of Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The State Government of Karnataka has already acquried 200 acres of land and handed over to Airports Authority of India (AAI) in May 2003 for development of Mangalore airport. An amount of Rs. 0.50 crore has been paid to the State Government for acquisition of land.

(b) Does not arise.

Upgradation of Airports in Karnataka

449. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of domestic airports which are identified for upgradation in Karnataka;

(b) whether any new places for establishing airports are being identified in Karnataka for development of tourism;

(c) if so, the details thereof with the budget allocation and status quo;